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Tragedy in Chillicothe.

A Twelve Year Old Boy Accidentally
Shoots and Kills His Sister.

A terrible tragedy occurred in Chillicothe, Wednesday afternoon, December 23, Ralph Ritter, a 12-year-old boy, shot and instantly killed his sister, Minnie, a girl of 18 years. The shooting, however, was accidental and the boy is almost frantic with grief.

It appears the boy got hold of an old revolver belonging to his father and sat on the floor playing with it, unnoticed by his mother and sister, who stood at the table washing dishes. The cylinder of the weapon contained one cartridge, but the boy supposed it was empty and snapped it off several times. When the chamber containing the cartridge came under the hammer he unconsciously raised the weapon to a line with his sister's head and pulled the trigger. A report followed and the girl staggered and fell without a groan.

The ball entered her neck piercing the carotid artery and ranging upward, found lodgment in the brain. The boy, greatly frightened ran out of the house and went to his aunt's residence where he told what had happened. Physicians were summoned, but they found the girl had met instant death. The little boy was placed under arrest, but afterwards released.—Circleville Union Herald.

A Thumb Blown Off

A Boy Meets with an Accident While
Celebrating the New Year.

Sam Myres, a young boy, while out with friends celebrating the advent of the new year had the misfortune to lose a thumb. The particulars, as near as we can learn are, that he possessed himself of an old army musket started out to have a time. He overloaded the old gun, the charge bursting the barrel to splinters and blowing his thumb off. It seems that the frequent deaths and accidents occurring from the indiscriminate use of firearms in the hands of inexperienced children and youngsters ought to be a warning to parents to prohibit their handling of such dangerous weapons.

Fire!

Junction City Bent Works go up in
Smoke.

The well-known Bent Works at Junction took fire about 3 a. m. Tuesday morning. The fire was well under way when discovered, and nothing could be done to stay the devouring flames and the whole plant is a total loss. The estimated loss is \$50,000, insurance \$8,000.

Half a million feet of lumber in the dry houses and lumber yards were consumed. The firm had put on a full force of men and were running ten hours a day. They had orders for six months ahead. About sixty men are thrown out of employment at the beginning of winter, having had very light work for the last year. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have caught in the dry houses. The plant was owned by Bringardner and Conkle, and it is believed the proprietors will rebuild on the old site as soon as possible and go on with business. This will be a great loss to Junction City, temporarily, and to the county. It is to be hoped, however it will rise phoenix like from the ashes and live and prosper once more.

These works were once before destroyed by fire and rebuilt. This was about fifteen years ago.—Lexington Tribune.

Probate Court News.

First and final account of William H. Funk adm., of the estate of Dennis Hardesty. Filed January 1st. Final January 26th.

Inventory and appraisal and sale bill of Solomon Kline adm., of the estate of John Kline deceased. Filed. Amount sale of bill \$690.61.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Anthony Kessler and Lena Schmeltzer; John H. Booth, Elizabeth Jones; Isaac P. Garrison and Hattie P. Sheets; Thomas A. Steel, Mary S. Mowery; John A. Kern, Ora A. Root; William S. Kirkwood, Annie Stevenson; Edward Power, Estella Crawford; Harley Willard, Amanda Polling.

Marion Tp. Items.

Dave Wolf and wife spent the holidays visiting relatives in Hardin Co. Miss Clara Kistler has gone for a protracted visit with her sister Mrs. Eva Swick somewhere in the western part of the state. It is reported that Horas Blackstone will soon take up his abode on the Isaac Hunsaker farm.

The meeting at Mt. Tabor closed January 1st, with good results. The protracted meeting closed at Mt. Zion Dec. 27th, abruptly, the pastor J. M. Bowman being called to attend the funeral of his sister in Ind. The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Hufford of Bremen, O., at Mt. Zion January 3rd, was very largely attended, showing with what degree of esteem and respect she was held by the surrounding community. In the absence of her pastor J. M. Bowman, the services were conducted by Elder Bowser of the German Baptist church of Dayton O., who delivered a very appropriate address. One of Abraham Brown's children is quite sick at this writing. We are sorry to learn that George A. Poling who has been sick for some time is no better. A. Inbody of Webb Summit attended the funeral of mother Hufford Sunday. It is reported that "Confidence" the great restorative of good times, which was so fabulously used by the Republicans during the late campaign, is already so scarce that in order to retain it it is being caned for use in the campaign of 1900. We do not think that this will add any more business to the can factories for a pint can would hold all there is in Marion. Now at the beginning of the New Year is the time to make good resolutions; we think it would be well for "Hillman Ben" to insert in his list that when he is writing his good roads theories he will stop talking "market" for the farmers (because there is none) and more tax when we can't get the "gold" or the silver either to pay what tax we have now. If he were a "Popocrat" I would be puzzled to know what part of this county he would live in to have such things in his mind as \$10,000 farms, but his saying he is a Republican accounts for all such vain imaginations. JAY.

Obituary.

Jacob Beougher was born in the State of Pennsylvania, April 10, 1804; and departed this life, June 24, 1895; aged 91 years, 2 months, 14 days. When but one year old he was brought by his parents to Hocking County Ohio, where he remained until death. He was married to Margaret Cook, May 22, 1827, to them were born eight children, seven sons and one daughter all of whom are living. Fifty five grand children and thirty four great grand children. For over sixty eight years they journeyed through life's pilgrimage together. Sharing the sunshine and shadows of their life. When but fifteen years of age he gave his heart to God and joined the Evangelist Church to which he belonged and lived a faithful and devoted Christian all through his life. He was always found loyal to the church and the cause of Christ in declining years when old age and decrepitude was fast coming on he set his house in order and daily made preparations for the house not made with hand eternal in the heaven. But a few weeks previous to his departure in conversation with the writer of these lines he stated that he saw in a vision a beautiful country and then he saw those he used to worship with here, who had gone on before all robed in white shouting and singing and praising God. Oh he said they were so happy he desired to depart and be with Christ. He was patiently waiting and expected soon to be permitted to join their company on the other shore. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father a quiet and peaceful neighbor and loved and cherished by all who knew him. Funeral service conducted by Rev. W. Y. Tyler of the U. B. Church assisted by Rev. W. R. Mather of the M. E. Church.

Mourning and missed by many, Free from sorrow and pain, Sheltered of last in heaven, Our loss is but his gain.

Real Estate Transfers.

John Stoddy and wife to Peter T. Woltz Laurel tp, 5 acres. Consideration \$100.

Martha E. Alexander and husband to John A. Coles, Salt Creek tp, 80 acres. Consideration \$2000.

Beverly W. Brown and wife to John A. Coles, Salt Creek tp, 210 acres. Consideration \$6500.

Jacob D. Coles to John D. Coles, Salt Creek tp, 320 acres. Consideration \$15,000.

Amos K. Johnson to Samuel W. Johnson, Washington tp, 6 acres. Consideration \$300.

Joseph H. Luker and wife to John R. West, Logan, 1/2 lot 361. Consideration \$1800.

Tom Steel.

Steals a March on His Friends and Becomes a Benedict.

Our young friend, Tom Steel, is as the boys put it, "a slick one." You never catch him napping. If reports in the past had all been true Tom had been married "many times and oft." But they were all canards. He waited to get a good ready, and according to the following notice, which is authentic this time, Tom has joined the ranks of ye Benedicts:

"MARRIED,"

At the home of the bride, in Laurelville, Sunday evening, Dec. 27th, 1896, by D. B. Black, J. P., Mr. Thomas A. Steel and Miss Mary S. Mowery.

Well, all right, dear boy; you and yours have our best wishes for your happiness through life. May your pathway be strewn with the fairest flowers and the winds of adversity never blow your way, is the benison of the VALLEY RECORD.—Laurelville Record.

The many friends of Mr. Steel in Logan together with the DEMOCRAT join with the Valley Record in wishing Tom and his bride a happy and prosperous life.

Obituary.

Mrs. LEWIS KLEINSCHMIDT.—It pleased God to call out of time into eternity, the wife of Lewis Kleinschmidt sr. She was born at Dingeldorf, Germany, January, 25th, 1843.

Attained an age of 53 years ten months, 28 days, when she was suddenly called away by a paralytic stroke December 23, at 6 p. m. She leaves a husband and ten children who deeply mourn their loss. She was a faithful member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and was loved and honored by many friends, who extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

REV. E. G. SPOHR.

Margaret Beougher, nee, Cook, was born in Fairfield Co., Ohio Feb 6th, 1807. She was married to Jacob Beougher May, 22nd, 1827. To them were born 8 children, 7 sons and 1 daughter; all of whom are living. They traveled life's journey together for over 68 years, when the husband and father was called away. Grandmother was left to travel alone for a little more than one year and a half when she too was summoned to go Dec. 26th, 1896. Aged 89 years, 10 months, 20 days. She was converted in early life and united with the Evangelical Church where she remained as a worker in the vineyard of the Lord to the time of her departure.

For the last 15 years she has been almost entirely blind, through all her dark years, through trials, temptations, and afflictions, she trusted in the Lord. After the death of her husband she continued to keep up her altar devotions, and often expressed her desire to depart and be with Christ and friends that were gone before. Her afflictions she bore with Christian grace and fortitude, and said she was ready to go home. She leaves 7 sons 1 daughter, 1 brother, 55 grand children, 31 great grand children, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The funeral discourse was preached by Rev. W. H. Wright, assisted by Rev. W. L. Hemminger pastor of Antioch circuit.

Mother thou art gone to rest, And this shall be our prayer: That when we reach our journey's end, Thy glory we may share.

O let us think of all she said, And all the kind advice she gave; And let us do it now, she's dead, And sleep in her narrow grave.

With aching hearts and to trial eyes, We laid her down to rest; Yet while we wept, we felt that she was sleeping with the best.

No sickness grief nor sorrowing, Can dim her features now; A crown of dazzling glory, Shall rest upon her brow.

Oh, let us meet that dearest mother In that brighter world on high; Where all is joy and gladness, Where pleasure never dies.

How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transaction and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Drugists, Toledo, O. WALKING KIRKMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Drugists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Home-seekers excursion West January 4th 5th 18th 19th, Feb. 1st 2nd 15th 16th. March 1st 2nd 15th 16th. April 5th 6th 19th 20th. May 3rd 4th 17th 18th. For full particulars as to points sold to and rates call on C. W. Schwenke Ticket Agent Logan, O.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Temptation is the fire that brings up the scum of the heart.

A little wrong going in the beginning leadeth to a great sin in the end. "All men are equal before the law." "Yes, before the law, but after it gets hold of them it's different."

The oldest house they have been able to find in Cleveland was built in 1802. No clue to the antiquities is needed in that city.

A thoughtful observer remarked that there are two classes of people who it is hard to convince against their will—women and men.

It is fifty-nine years since Sir Isaac Pitman was busily engaged constructing his phonographic alphabet, and fifty-four years since he taught his system of shorthand in Glasgow to Lord Kelvin.

The men and women of the Cree tribe of Indians dress alike, and are distinguished only by the ornamentation of their leggings, that of the men being vertical and that of the women horizontal.

You say that Deacon Smatters was not "convinced" this morning? I wonder if it is possible that he can have fallen from grace? "No; I understand that he fell from his bicycle and broke his nose."

Elk have been all but exterminated in this country, and the report of a herd of eleven having been seen north of Cory's Fork, near Corvallis, Or., recently, excited comment in the far Northwest.

The expedition to Jones Sound, planned for 1897, is intended to initiate a system of continuous arctic exploration. Its object is to be the scientific research above indicated, and to this also will be subordinated. Special attention will be paid to geology.

The latest style in registering is said to be "Richard Smith and wheel." This strikes people at some resorts so funny that they are going about trying to make clerks allow them to register as "Mr. Smith and gout," or "Mr. and Mrs. Smith and rheumatism."

A Vegetable Fair and Fete.

The Gardeners' Club of Columbia, Md., has been holding a vegetable fair, which truly merits the name vegetable fair. This year, the Rhopalas, odorata, of the order Proteaceae, presents a remarkable power of resistance to fire. In the district of Rollins it is customary every year during the dry season to burn the plants in order to destroy all the dry weeds that, during rains, might interfere with the growth of the young and tender vegetation. This periodical conflagration naturally produces the most disastrous effect upon the trees, which gradually disappear until the place is a bare field. It is difficult for an old tree to resist, and still more so for a young shoot of one or two years. A single tree forms one exception, and that is the one above mentioned—the Rhopalas. Small, distorted and scraggy, and having a wild and desolate appearance, this tree not only does not suffer from the fire, but derives profit therefrom. It gradually establishes itself in localities abandoned by other trees and installs itself therein. We have here a very typical case of a survival of the fittest. It, alone, capable of resisting the fire, witnesses the disappearance of its rivals, and is seen to gradually encroach upon an always more extended domain. Its resistance to fire is due to its bark. The external portion of the latter, more than half an inch thick, and formed of dead cells and fibers, acts like a protecting jacket with respect to the more central and living parts, and it is this, that assures its triumph in its struggle for existence against fire.—Boston Transcript.

Fortified.

"Is your new maid satisfactory, Mrs. Benson?"

"I'm delighted with her; she is so lovely that book agents never attempt to step inside of the front door."—Chicago Record.

A Fine Criterion.

He—Do you really think Jack is in love with you?

She—Certainly. I have the most positive proof. He never knows whether or not I am on straight or not.—Daily Times.

Deprived of Their Licenses.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Captain Smith, who commanded the wrecked steamer San Benito, and Chief Officer Zolling, who was on the bridge when she struck, have been deprived of their licenses by the United States inspectors of hulls and boilers. It was decided that the loss of the San Benito was due to carelessness.

A Wife Runs Away.

London, Jan. 1.—A Paris dispatch says that the Princess of Chimay and Caraman and her gypsy lover have been so pestered by the crowds that they had to change their lodgings at Budapest. "Janet's wife," says the dispatch, "has decided to pay him back in his own coin, and has disappeared with a lover."

Dime Savings Bank Failed.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—The Dime Savings bank has been saved, it is announced, by the sacrifice of the stockholders, who have gone down in their pockets and paid an assessment of some 50 per cent. Just how soon the 90 days' notice for depositors will be withdrawn was not determined at a meeting of directors.

Mrs. Burden Will Prosecute. New York, Jan. 1.—Mrs. James Abernethy Burden, who was attacked and robbed on Fifth Avenue by Joseph T. Benesch last Tuesday, was in the Yorkville police court to prosecute him. She swore to a complaint and the prisoner was held for trial.

Had His Collar. Langford, Ky., Jan. 1.—Twenty-five years ago Isaac Bullen ordered two collars, one for himself and one for his wife. They have been kept in the house ever since. Bullen has just died, but his wife survives him.

Killed His Companion. Muncie, Ind., Jan. 1.—While out hunting with shotguns the 13-year-old son of Rev. John R. Wellington accidentally shot and killed the 12-year-old son of Nathan Mahoney.

Suspected Train Wreckers. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 1.—Tom Ingraham and Andrew Fewgin, negroes, have been arrested on suspicion of causing the Cohoba river disaster near Blocton last Sunday.

An Attachment Issued. New York, Jan. 1.—An attachment for \$44,000 was issued against the White Locomotive works in favor of John L. White for money advanced.

SHE HELD THE TRAIN.

And Defied the Conductor to Make Her Get Out of the Way.

"Before I came to this part of the country I was an engineer on a railroad down South," said a railway man, "We used to make long runs and we were pretty slow about it. While on that line I had some very odd experiences. I remember one day when we reached the junction station a woman came up to me and asked me to hold the train for five minutes. She said that her daughter wanted to take the train to the city, told her that it was impossible for me to hold the train for her."

"I don't see why," she expostulated. "I think you might do a little thing like that."

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AN ALARMING SCHEME.

The Real Reason Why Uncle Henry Made a Hasty Departure.

"Girls, I've got a scheme that will help us to get even with John for some of his practical jokes on us," said a young lady to her sister and her cousin on Capitol hill. "Where can we borrow some little alarm clocks?"

"I know of several," said the sister, and by dinner time they had managed to borrow and smuggle five into Brother John's sleeping room. While the rest of the family were at the dinner table the girls went up to John's room, and the alarm to one clock was set for 1 a. m. and the timekeeper hidden behind a picture in one corner.

The next was set for 2 o'clock and placed carefully behind his looking glass. The 3 o'clock alarm was placed carefully behind the wash-bowl, while 4 o'clock was laid away in good shape under the bed. Then they fixed one for 5 o'clock and hung it by a string behind the center of the headboard on the bed. By this time they were ready to dress for the theater.

About 9 o'clock John's grumpy Uncle Henry came rather unexpectedly from Boston, and as the best thing to do before he was given John's room for the night. Of course he was very tired.

It was nearly midnight when the girls came home, and they knew nothing of the change in sleeping arrangements. They retired to their room adjoining John's and awaited the first gun. When 1 o'clock was whirled out by the clock behind the picture, the girls heard a rolling over in bed and one or two indistinct grumbles. At 2 o'clock there was some more muttering, and "Curse that clock!" came in a gruff voice from under the bedclothes.

At 3 o'clock the machine behind the washbowl got in its work, and the girls heard the occupant of the bed bounce out on the floor and an evident skirmish after matches, accompanied by several remarks in full faced italics. Then when 4 o'clock came:

"Blankety blank that blanked clock to blankation!" was the suppressed howl of a hoarse voice as a heavy body bounced out of bed again.

"What in the d—! has got into the blanked thing anyway?" and the girls heard him rummage around and heard over a chair. They had kept awake to enjoy the fun, but the explosions were getting so hot they became frightened. Finally quiet reigned again.

At 5 o'clock the alarm tied to the headboard commenced its rovelia, and it was too much for the old man.

"Well, I'll be blankety dash blanked! I'd just like to mash the face of the man who made the infernal thing and the blanked fool who bought it too!"

The girls heard him land on the floor and begin slinging things around in his room, all the while growling to himself. In a short time they heard the front door open and close. Then they went to sleep.

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